

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Self-levelling under-packing for printing presses, ~~particularly offset presses, characterised by~~ comprising at least one polyester-based layer and at least one polyurethane elastomer layer joined inseparably together.
2. (original) Under-packing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyester-based layer is between 50  $\mu\text{m}$  and 350 $\mu\text{m}$  and the polyurethane elastomer layer is between 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. (original) Under-packing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyester-based layer is adhesive-coated on one side, in which case the thickness, including the adhesive, is between 40 and 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , the adhesive thickness not exceeding about 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .
4. (currently amended) Under-packing as claimed in claim 1 ~~and 2~~, wherein several polyester-based layers and several polyurethane elastomer layers are provided, at least some of the layers of the one alternating with layers of the other.
5. (currently amended) Under-packing as claimed in ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the elastomeric component presents the following chemical/physical characteristics:

Shore hardness	A	75-95	DIN 53505
Density	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.10-1.25	DIN 53479
Cyclic compression	%	60% compressible	DIN 53517
Resilience	%	30-40	DIN 53512
Solvent resistance		resistant	

(wherein the cyclic compression test ~~consisting of~~ is performed by carrying out a cycle of one million compressions (of 60% on the compressible side, i.e. on the polyurethane elastomer side) without undergoing any thickness decrease).

6. (original) Under-packing as claimed in claim 5, wherein the same chemical-physical characteristics apply to the polyurethane elastomer.

7. (currently amended) Under-packing as claimed in ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein ~~if several a plurality of the~~ superposed polyester layers ~~[[are]] of the superposed polyester layers being~~ used, some are removably joined together by a pressure sensitive adhesive strip along one of their edges.

8. (currently amended) Under-packing as claimed in ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 5, ~~characterised in that if several wherein a plurality of the~~ polyurethane elastomer layers are used, at least one of these layers ~~presents~~ having different said chemical;/physical characteristics, ~~for example shore hardness~~, from the remaining layers.

9. (currently amended) Under-packing as claimed in claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, wherein the removable polyester layers are not more than three in number, with none of them exceeding 50 µm thickness.

10. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 2, wherein several polyester-based layers and several polyurethane elastomer layers are provided, at least some of the layers of the one alternating with layers of the other.

11. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 2, wherein the elastomeric component presents the following chemical/physical characteristics:

Shore hardness A	75-95	DIN 53505
Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.10-1.25	DIN 53479
Cyclic compression %	60% compressible	DIN 53517
Resilience %	30-40	DIN 53512
Solvent resistance	resistant	

(wherein the cyclic compression test is performed by carrying out a cycle of one million compressions (of 60% on the compressible side, i.e. on the polyurethane elastomer side) without undergoing any thickness decrease).

12. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 3, wherein the elastomeric component presents the following chemical/physical characteristics:

Shore hardness A	75-95	DIN 53505
Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.10-1.25	DIN 53479
Cyclic compression %	60% compressible	DIN 53517
Resilience %	30-40	DIN 53512
Solvent resistance	resistant	

(wherein the cyclic compression test is performed by carrying out a cycle of one million compressions (of 60% on the compressible side, i.e. on the polyurethane elastomer side) without undergoing any thickness decrease).

13. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 4, wherein the elastomeric component presents the following chemical/physical characteristics:

Shore hardness A	75-95	DIN 53505
Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.10-1.25	DIN 53479
Cyclic compression %	60% compressible	DIN 53517
Resilience %	30-40	DIN 53512
Solvent resistance	resistant	

(wherein the cyclic compression test is performed by carrying out a cycle of one million compressions (of 60% on the compressible side, i.e. on the polyurethane elastomer side) without undergoing any thickness decrease).

14. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 2, wherein a plurality of the superposed polyester layers of the superposed polyester layers being used, some are removably joined together by a pressure sensitive adhesive strip along one of their edges.

15. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 3, wherein a plurality of the superposed polyester layers of the superposed polyester layers being used, some are removably joined together by a pressure sensitive adhesive strip along one of their edges.

16. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 4, wherein a plurality of the superposed polyester layers of the superposed polyester layers being used, some are removably joined together by a pressure sensitive adhesive strip along one of their edges.

17. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 5, wherein a plurality of the superposed polyester layers of the superposed polyester layers being used, some are removably joined together by a pressure sensitive adhesive strip along one of their edges.

18. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 6, wherein a plurality of the superposed polyester layers of the superposed polyester layers being used, some are removably joined together by a pressure sensitive adhesive strip along one of their edges.

19. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 2, wherein the removable polyester layers are not more than three in number, with none of them exceeding 50  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness.

20. (new) Under-packing as claimed in claim 3, wherein the removable polyester layers are not more than three in number, with none of them exceeding 50  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness.